

not approve these rules and regulations. Continuing education is not new. We have a lot of professions that are doing it and I think it is only perhaps fair to let the funeral directors have their continuing education. I don't think it would eliminate any competition because they need to take an examination before they get their license before they go into business and if we were going to try to eliminate competition we would certainly do it at this stage of the game rather than a little later on, therefore, I would hope that you would vote for the advancement of this bill.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: The question is the advancement of LB 225. All those in favor signify by voting.....beg pardon? Excuse me, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't want to kill all discussion but let me try to make something clear here that I was trying to point out before. If it is a fact, Senator Hefner, that these people want continuing education, they don't even need a rule by the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors. They can just go undergo that continuing education. If there are three of us and we want something we don't have to get a law to do it, we just do it. If there are new techniques, which I doubt, but if there are there is nothing to prohibit these individuals from learning those techniques. If they want to become better salesmen let them enroll in Jerry Falwell's church but there is nothing currently to stop that now. These people can do anything that they want to do and I think a mockery is being made of the legislative process when simply because a group of people come in here and say, we want to do this, the Legislature, therefore, ought to enact a law, we should not. And if the issue is a serious one then we ought to take it seriously but take our responsibilities seriously too. Not everybody who comes in here and wants a law should get it just because we have the power to enact it and they say they want it. So let me ask Senator Hefner a question so that I will be clear on this issue. Senator Hefner, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is there in the law or any rule that would prevent an embalmer or funeral director from undertaking any advanced training he or she chooses?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, they are doing that at the present time.